

## RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Sherrill, the House, at 5:50 o'clock p. m., took recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, July 25, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 5, Petitioning the Interstate Commerce Commission not to allow increase in freight rates,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, July 25, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 4, Relating to calling meeting of Governors of cotton-producing States.

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

## EIGHTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Tuesday, July 28, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

## HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Young:

H. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining common purchasers of natural gas, prohibiting discrimination; placing the enforcement of the provisions of this act under the

Railroad Commission of Texas; providing for the promulgation of rules, regulations and orders; providing for appeal; providing penalties, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee of the Whole House.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
HOUSE.

(Mr. Minor in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Hardy, the House at 9:15 o'clock a. m., resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of further investigating the oil industry.

## IN THE HOUSE.

(Mr. Minor in the chair.)

At 10 o'clock a. m., Mr. Minor, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House, reported to the House that the Committee desired to rise, report progress and ask leave of the House to sit again at conclusion of the address by Mr. Dobie.

ADDRESS BY MR. J. FRANK  
DOBIE.

(In Joint Session.)

In accordance with a resolution heretofore adopted providing for an address by the Hon. J. Frank Dobie, the honorable Senate, at 10 o'clock a. m., appeared at the bar of the House and, being admitted, occupied seats along the aisle.

Lieutenant Governor Edgar Witt, being invited, occupied a seat on the Speaker's stand.

Mr. J. Frank Dobie, accompanied by Mrs. Rountree, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Hatchitt and Senators Woodruff, Hornsby and Holbrook, committees on the part of the House and Senate, appeared at the bar of the House and, being admitted, occupied seats on the Speaker's stand.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker, called the House of Representatives to order.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Edgar Witt.

Lieutenant Governor Witt then presented Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, who in turn introduced Mr. Dobie.

Mr. Dobie then addressed the joint session and assemblage.

At the conclusion of the address the Senate retired to its Chamber.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

Mr. Dwyer was granted leave of absence for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Anderson.

## IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

(Mr. Minor in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Hardy, the House at 10:50 o'clock a. m., resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of further investigating the oil industry.

## IN THE HOUSE.

(Mr. Davis in the chair.)

At 6:55 o'clock p. m., Mr. Davis, Acting Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House, reported to the House that the Committee desired to rise, report progress and ask leave of the House to sit again at 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Hardy, the House, at 6:45 o'clock p. m., took recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## APPENDIX.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee on Conservation and Reclamation today filed a favorable report on House bill No. 21.

## EIGHTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Wednesday, July 29, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

## IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

(Mr. Minor in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Hardy, the House, at 9 o'clock a. m., resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of further considering the oil industry.

## IN THE HOUSE.

(Mr. Minor in the chair.)

At 2:30 o'clock p. m., Mr. Minor, Chairman of the Committee of the

Whole House, reported to the House that the Committee desired to rise, report progress, and ask leave of the House to sit again at 2:40 o'clock p. m. today.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Keller:

H. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the leasing of the river bed of the Sabine River for oil and gas, authorizing the Governor, Land Commissioner and Attorney General to negotiate and execute leases either with or without drilling obligations; providing for the disposition of funds derived from such leases; providing for certain appropriations and for things necessary and incidental thereto, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee of the Whole House.

By Mr. Laird:

H. B. No. 24, A bill to be entitled "An Act to combine the duties of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas, the State Board of Water Engineers, the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission of Texas, and the State Reclamation Department, and to consolidate said division, board and commission into one commission to be known as the State Conservation Commission of Texas, composed of three members, one of which is to be elected every two years by the qualified voters to serve a term of six years; the salary of each commissioner shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year; transferring from the Railroad Commission of Texas, the State Board of Water Engineers, the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission of Texas, and the State Reclamation Department of Texas to the Conservation Commission of Texas all jurisdiction, powers, rights and authority heretofore conferred and all duties heretofore imposed upon each of the commissions, divisions and boards herein mentioned under any law heretofore enacted relating to any of the duties of said boards or commissions."

Referred to Committee of the Whole House.